

65. The method of claim 64, further comprising displaying at least a file/directory name for said compressed audio data.

66. The method of claim 65, wherein said file/directory name is displayed on an LCD screen.

67. The method of claim 64, wherein said drive is a hard disk, removable disk, floppy disk, magnetic storage medium, optical storage medium, flash media, or IDE device.

68. The method of claim 64, wherein said compressed audio data is in MP3, WMA, AAC, or other secured compressed audio format.

69. The method of claim 64, wherein said compressed audio data resides in one or more audio files and said selecting step selects at least one of said audio files.

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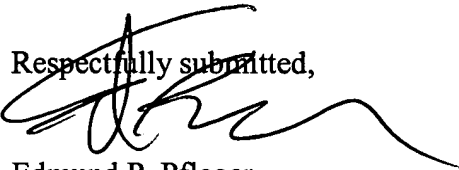
Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be entered before the examination of the present application. The claims as provided herein are believed allowable over all the art of record.

A marked up copy of the changes made is provided herewith. No new matter has been added to the subject application as a result of the changes made thereto.

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58. A computer system adapted to play audio files, said computer system comprising:
- compressed audio data residing in one or more audio files;
 - at least one function key configured to enable a user to select at least one of said audio files;
 - a system CPU;
 - an audio controller; and
 - an operating system comprising file management software, said file management software configured to manage said audio files and to permit said user to access said audio files via said at least one function key, said operating system also configured to control said audio controller and said CPU to cause said CPU to decompress said at least one audio file selected by said user.
59. The computer system of claim [1]58, further comprising an LCD display configured to display a file/directory name for said audio files.
60. A computer system adapted to play audio files, said computer system comprising:
- a system CPU;
 - memory;
 - at least one drive comprising compressed audio data residing in one or more audio files;
 - at least one function key configured to enable a user to select at least one of said audio files; and

an operating system comprising file management software, said file management software configured to manage said audio files and to permit said user to access said audio files via said at least one function key, said operating system also configured to control said CPU to cause said CPU to decompress said at least one audio file selected by said user.

61. The computer system of claim [3]60, further comprising an LCD display configured to display a file/directory name for said compressed audio data.

62. A computer system adapted to play audio files, said computer system comprising:

a system CPU;

memory;

at least one storage medium comprising compressed audio data, said compressed audio data residing in one or more audio files;

at least one function key configured to enable a user to select at least one of said audio files; and

a play list software program for selecting and storing a play list comprising one or more of said audio files;

a first operating system configured to control at least said system CPU and said memory; and

a second operating system comprising file management software, said file management software configured to manage said audio files and to permit said user to access said audio files via said at least one function key, said operating system also configured to retrieve said play list and cause said drive to read at least one said audio file

of said play list, to cause said system CPU to decompress said at least one audio file selected by said user and provide decompressed audio data, and to cause said decompressed audio data to be stored in said memory.

63. The computer system of claim [5]62, further comprising an LCD display configured to display at least a file/directory name for said audio files.

64. A method of playing audio files on a computer system, said method comprising the steps of:

selecting compressed audio data from a drive of a computer system having at least said drive, a CPU, and a memory, wherein said selecting step is performed by activation of at least one function key;

reading said compressed audio data;

providing said compressed audio data to said CPU for decompressing said compressed audio data, thereby providing decompressed audio data; and

storing said decompressed audio data in said memory.

65. The method of claim [7]64, further comprising displaying at least a file/directory name for said compressed audio data.

66. The method of claim [8]65, wherein said file/directory name is displayed on an LCD screen.

67. The method of claim [7]64, wherein said drive is a hard disk, removable disk, floppy disk, magnetic storage medium, optical storage medium, flash media, or IDE device.

68. The method of claim [7]64, wherein said compressed audio data is in MP3, WMA, AAC, or other secured compressed audio format.

69. The method of claim [7]64, wherein said compressed audio data resides in one or more audio files and said selecting step selects at least one of said audio files.